GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VIP SECURITY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the revised policy laid down in regard to VIP Security; and

(b) the measures proposed to ensure that ordinary citizens are not harassed or stopped on the roads on the plea of VIP Security ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) The system of security and the issues related thereto have been reviewed by the Government and the `New Policy on Security of Individuals` has been announced on 7.2.2000. The main changes which have been made in the policy on security include -
(i) changing the nomenclature of VIP security to personal security;
(ii) security will be provided on the basis of assessment of threat made by Security Agencies and threat should predominantly come from militants/terrorists;
(iii) MHA will not recommend allotment or retention of Government accommodation on security considerations in any case;
(iv) periodical review of security every six months; and
(v) making security unobtrusive, etc. Instructions for the implementation of the new policy have been issued.

(b) The security of the VVIPs constantly remains under review. The endeavour of the Government is to ensure that the inconvenience caused to the general public due to the movements of the VVIPs is kept to the minimum.